

REMARKSAmendments

By this Preliminary Amendment, the claims of International Application No. PCT/JP2003/011222 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies and to conform to U.S. claim practice. New claim 12, dependent on claim 1 has been added. Basis is found in original claim 3.

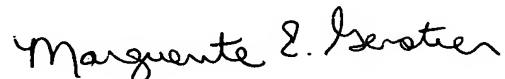
In the descriptive part of the specification, various minor errors resulting from the translation have been corrected and several headings have been added or amended. The listing of "Patent Literature" on page 3 has been incorporated into the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 2. The "Description of Reference Numbers" has been deleted, as all reference numbers (except 30, which indicates a pulling direction) are currently included in the description of the Figures. Element 30 has been incorporated into the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 32.

The Abstract has been amended to remove the "comprising" language and to simplify the structure. A clean copy of the Abstract is attached on a separate page numbered 18.

Conclusion

If there are any questions, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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